



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Response Due Date
07/05/2023

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00386532

REFERENCE: APRIL QUARTERLY REPORT (01/01/2022 - 03/31/2022)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 2 item(s):

1. While it is permissible for a person to make a contribution for the general election prior to the primary election, the recipient committee must employ an acceptable accounting method to distinguish between primary and general election contributions. (11 CFR § 102.9(e)) This general election amount must be maintained in the committee's account.

Since the candidate is not seeking office and will not participate in the general election, any contribution received for the general election must be returned to the donors, in accordance with 11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3). The use of general election contributions to pay primary debts and obligations is prohibited under the Act as such use could result in individuals making contributions with respect to the primary election in excess of the \$2,900 per election limit.

The attached general election contributions do not appear to have been remedied. Any subsequent report(s) filed with the Commission must disclose the refund of any general election contributions. Refunds must be done within 60 days after the candidate's announcement not to seek office/re-election.

If you have not already done so, please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any refund. Refunds are reported on Line 20(a), (b) or (c), as applicable, of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B of the report covering the period in which they are made. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(4))

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Although the Commission may take further legal action, your prompt action to refund these contributions will be taken into consideration.

2. The beginning cash balance of this report does not equal the ending balance of your 2021 Year-End Report. Please correct this discrepancy and amend all subsequent reports that may be affected by the correction. (52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(1) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(1)) and 11 CFR § 104.3(a)(1))

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. For information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees. For more information about Requests for Additional Information (RFAI), why you received a letter, and how to respond, please visit www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/request-additional-information. Should you have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1440.

Sincerely,



Patrick Harkins
Sr. Campaign Finance & Reviewing Analyst

Apparent General Election Contributions
Louie Gohmert for Congress Committee (C00386532)

2021 October Quarterly Report

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
House Freedom Fund	8/12/21	\$15.00	G2022
House Freedom Fund	8/19/21	\$2,500.00	G2022
House Freedom Fund	9/3/21	\$2,485.00	G2022
Irwin, Mary	9/2/21	\$100.00	G2022
Witkin, Jack	8/5/21	\$2,800.00	G2022